

Mountain View United Church



Annual Report – 2010

Mountain View United Church
Purpose Statement

- S - share the love of God;
- C - care for each other;
- A - act with a spirit of cooperation;
- R - reach out to the community;
- F - feed physical and spiritual hunger.

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CHURCH STAFF AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Mary Anningson
Organist and Choir Director	Mark Lloyd
Office Administrator	Liz Simmons
Caretaker	Ed Harris
Church Treasurer	Frank Hussey / Hal Mullin
Mission and Service Treasurer	Frank Hussey / Hal Mullin
Envelope Secretary	Liz Simmons
Chair of Session	Brian Lowe
Session Secretary	Mary Hebert
Congregational Board Chair	Brian Affleck
Congregational Board Secretary	Brian Lowe
Christian Education Committee Chair	Kim Bryenton
Finance Committee Chair	Nan Leger
Property Committee Chair	Doug Hoyt
Trustee Chair	Bob Smith
Ministry and Personnel Chair	Reg Beach
Nominating Committee Chair	Mel Johnson
Strategic and Long Term Planning Chair	Brian Forbes
Outreach Chair	Sheila Hoyt
Visions United Representatives	Brian Affleck, Sheila Hoyt Kari Bryenton, Nan Leger

CHAIRS/LEADERS OF GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

UCW General President	Joan MacLeod
Catherine Unit	Kaye Estabrooks
Deborah Unit	Barbara West
Esther Unit	Barb Groundwater
Church School Co-ordinators	Kim Bryenton/Melanie Stace
Senior Choir	Donna Love-Melanson
Fall Fun Fair	Barb Groundwater
Pie Making	Melville Johnson, Nan Leger
Lobster Take-Out Co-Chairs	Melville Johnson, Nan Leger, Joan & Bob MacLeod
60 th Anniversary Committee	Brian Forbes, Allison Finnamore, Joan MacLeod, Nan Leger, Sheila Huntley, Brian Lowe

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Librarian	Judy Beach
Observer	Doreen Horsman
Presbytery Representative	Doug Hoyt
Moncton Area Council of Churches	Avalon Owen/Gwen MacRae



Dear Friends,

2010 was a full year for our congregation. Throughout the year we celebrated our 60th anniversary. A real highlight, I think, were the speakers who, during our worship time, shared their memories of Mountain View. It was a real eye opener and a lot of fun to hear people's stories of individuals who helped create our congregation, helped us grow spiritually throughout the years, and develop Mountain View into the congregation it is today.

The paper chain which grew around the sanctuary displaying anonymous acts of love and kindness through the year was a testament to your commitment and active caring for others in our city. This exercise was also a real spiritual practice for many of us as it brought to our attention how we behave on a daily basis and it gave us the time to reflect on our actions so we had the opportunity to change some behaviours and react in a way that might have been different for us than ever before. It was a great exercise that continues to make me pause and think about how I am treating others in my daily life. Of course having Rev. Lester Settle preach on anniversary Sunday brought back memories for many in the congregation and helped others of us to see a piece of our congregations history.

A sincere thank you needs to be extended to the Anniversary Committee as they put a lot of time and effort into finding creative ways for us to honour and recognize the mile stone of our 60th anniversary. Exciting ministry opportunities have opened up with the hospital. Our Micah Project, Because We Care Bags are now being distributed to people who are unexpectedly admitted to hospital. This outreach has been very warmly received by the hospital and I hope we will continue to discern other ways we can be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbour and our friends who work and visit the City Hospital.

The other big part of our year was listening to and receiving the work of the Visions United Committee. This group (comprised of four individuals from each of Humphrey, Wesley, Mountain View, and Stilesville United Churches) worked extremely hard creating a vision for ministry and a path to amalgamation. Throughout the year we received updates and voted various times to say we were still interested in hearing where their work and research might lead. The Board, in their wisdom and desire to show leadership decided to ask for a 60% majority vote in favour of amalgamation to show a strong desire within the membership to close Mountain View and become part of a new congregation. However, on October 31st when the four congregations voted on amalgamation (putting the four congregations into one new congregation) Mountain View's members voted 50/50 on this issue of amalgamation and so the vote did not pass. The adherent vote was strongly against amalgamation but the membership was clearly divided. The fall out of such a split is still being felt throughout the congregation. That being said, I am proud to say that in such a difficult situation, as a 50/50 split, on such a difficult issue as to whether or not we should amalgamate, most of the congregation has rallied and accepted the decision of the congregation and people are ready to move forward. At the same time there are people within our church family who are hurt and disappointed. It is important that we recognize this and continue to work together and carry on being loving and compassionate with each other. I continue to be impressed by the Christian love the people at Mountain View are able to live even in the face of pain and difficulty. This is a church family that can put individuals first while at the same time caring for the larger church family, one doesn't need to be sacrificed for the other.

I want to take this opportunity in our annual report for 2010 to again formally thank Brian Affleck, Kari Bryenton, Sheila Hoyt, and Nan Leger for the extremely hard work they put in as part of Visions United. It was not an easy committee or situation to be in. They had the very challenging task of being the ones to present information about amalgamating and what that would mean for our congregation. They gave of themselves tirelessly as they met twice a month or more with Visions United and kept up with their committee commitments within the congregation. We, the church family are proud of the dedication they have shown and the fine work they have done on our behalf.

As we pause here at the end of 2010 looking back over the year we continue to need to be open to discerning God's will and calling for our church family. We have talked at previous annual meetings about moving from our current location at 85 MacBeath Ave. We will have to come back to that decision in time as a motion was made to move from our current site several year ago. While we voted against amalgamation we still need to be carefully assessing our future, discerning if our current ministry and location enables us to fulfill the ministry that God calls us to at this time in history. But that requires continuous active discernment and an openness and energy within the congregation to delve into deep questions and more conversations. Our task at present, before we enter into another time of discernment and hard questioning, is to heal and rebuild...or maybe just recover from such a year of uncertainty. We don't know how everyone voted on the 31st of October and I don't believe knowing that information is relevant to our ministry and mission. We have spent a long time talking and looking at information and challenges. All of that is good and important for a congregation. But since we are staying here, at least for a while, I would like to see us come together and redirect our focus to remembering who we are as a church family and invite others to join or rejoin our family. As God's hands and feet we all know there is no shortage of ministry needs in this city let alone our geographic location. If we can put our focus outside ourselves and our walls, looking at who is there beside us and near us, all the while listening for God's voice I believe we will find clarity and purpose to renew our vision and hope.

As this is the end of Brian Affleck's term as chair of the board at Mountain View, I want to thank him sincerely for his work and service through what has been a difficult time within the life and ministry of our congregation. It has taken a great deal of commitment and energy to give of himself as he has and we as a congregation are grateful. Personally, I have enjoyed working with Brian and the honest and sometimes difficult conversations we have been able to have over the years. It has been an honour to serve with him in leading this congregation.

Finally, I have to take a moment to thank each of you. I am so very proud to say to the people I meet throughout the city and beyond that I am the minister at Mountain View United Church and that is because of you, the wonderful people who give to this church, share of yourselves in a variety of ways with me and the church family. I so enjoy visiting, worshipping, and struggling with the big question of how to be faithful to Jesus Christ in the twenty-first century. No one has the answer to that question, we are pioneers in ministry at a time when the world is changing faster and faster, where the news can be devastating to watch at night, when we don't know how long our planet can sustain the demand humanity is putting on it, when there is so much social and economic uncertainty. But I feel strength within our community. The strength and willingness to keep talking and trying to discern God's will and how we as individuals and as a church community can make a difference and reach out to those who are overlooked, forgotten, or sadly even ignored. This is a place that inspires me to be better and for that I am grateful. It is an honour and privilege to work in ministry with you.

In Christ's Faithful service,

**2010 ANNUAL REPORT OF SESSION
MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**

This year, as in other years, has been a busy one for the Session.

Each year as the church calendar progresses we plan for the various seasons of the church year. Some of the things that we do annually include decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We are fortunate to be helped with some of this by our secretary, Liz Simmons and our caretaker, Ed Harris.

This year as Christmas Eve approached there was some discussion on whether to use the traditional candles or switch to battery powered candles. It seems that there is still a preference to continue using the traditional candles.

Some decisions were delayed over the past 12 months waiting for the outcome of the amalgamation vote. Now that that is behind us there are areas of work that need our attention. Pastoral care to the congregation continues to be a concern to our minister and the Session. It was our hope to begin doing visits to parishioners in the fall, but this did not happen and will need to be planned for in 2011. Regular contact with our church family is an important part of the Session's mandate, but takes a great deal of planning to have it put in place.

Rev. Mary Anningson is currently meeting with adults who have expressed an interest in confirmation. We are hoping that there will also be some young people who are ready to take that step in their faith journey. A Lenten study on Faith is also in the planning stages.

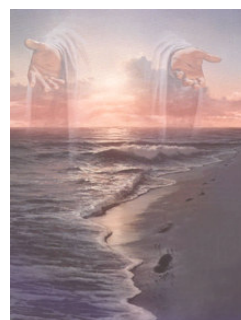
It was a pleasure to once again send Christmas goodie boxes to church family members who are away to university or college and to help in putting together trays for shut-ins to let them know that we are thinking of them.

We continue to help our minister in planning for the regular worship at our Sunday services and assisting at special events such as baptisms. Session approves baptisms, weddings and transfer of memberships to or from Mountain View.

In the summer of 2010 Mountain View stayed open throughout the summer. This meant the hiring of clergy and music leadership for 5 Sundays. Even with that extra cost, we are told that we were ahead financially by staying open and that is our hope again in the summer of 2011.

It has been a privilege to once again take part in the leadership of Mountain View and I would encourage others to listen for God's calling in their lives. Service to our church and our community is very rewarding.

As one that serves,
Brian Lowe, Session chair.



TRANSFERRED OUT

MEMBER

TO

Ruby Tower
Karen Lusby
Carol Steeves
Carla Bourque

St. Paul’s United Church, Riverview
St. John’s United Church, Moncton
St. Paul’s United Church, Riverview
Stilesville United Church, Moncton

RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFERRED IN

FROM

Judith MacDonald

Centenary-Queen Square United Church

MARRIAGES

Names

Date

Rajko Jakovic and Lesley Anne Stoddard

October 16, 2010

BAPTISMS

Mark 10:14 Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Name

Parent(s)

Gabrielle Lisbeth Belliveau,
Claire Isabelle Goguen,
Ian Richard Anthony Moore,
Owen Richard Anglehart,
Brielle Taylor Tremere,

daughter of Joanne & Oscar Belliveau
daughter of Wendy and Guy Goguen
son of Kristina and Jason Moore
son of Michelle and Claude Anglehart
daughter of Tara McCarthy Tremere and
James Tremere

IN MEMORIAM

2 Timothy 4: 6-7 For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Name

Date

Marie A. Despres
Edith Violet Anderson
Fraser “Ross” Chartley
Edna McGinty
Gordon R. Allen
Gordon C. Waters

January 30, 2010
March 5, 2010
May 16, 2010
June 9th, 2010
August 7, 2010
December 29, 2010

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT – 2010

Greetings and peace to all:

This will be my last report to the congregation as the chair of the board as my term as chair ends as of the annual meeting. I want to thank all of the board members for their support during the past year and throughout my three years as your chair. I hope the new chair has a rewarding experience. I know I have been tested and taught and have learned a great deal from and about each of you and about myself over the past three years. At Mountain View we have done many things and wrestled with and made many decisions over the last year and our Church has continued to do God's work.

I am reminded of a line I heard in a movie recently that went something like the purpose of the church is to help the poor and comfort the sick and dying. I think the Church has a little more of a purpose than just that boiled down Hollywood statement, but I was reminded that all of these little details we get so caught up in like which building we worship in and how we will pay for the things we want are not what the Church is all about. Sometimes we get so focused on the details and the business of running a particular congregation that we lose sight of the bigger picture. I know many times over the past years that has happened to me and I welcome the break from that and time to refocus on what God is really calling me to do.

The year began with excitement about our 60th anniversary events and the expectation that we might amalgamate with 3 other United Church congregations to form a new, larger and stronger United Church presence focused on and located in the North West area of the city. We celebrated baptisms and graduations and new beginnings and said good bye to friends and loved ones whose lives were well lived as some members of our Church family moved on to the promise of everlasting life with our savior and that's really what this thing we call Church is all about isn't it? being part of a family that celebrates life and all the joy and fun and pain and loss that goes with it.

As the year went on some in the congregation came to recognize a need for our presence at 85 MacBeath Ave. to continue and for us to provide Ministry in the community immediately near the hospital, and in the end Mountain View decided not to amalgamate with others and relocate at this time. To me at least, that doesn't have to mean the idea will never be considered again as we still have a vision statement that includes lines about relocating and team ministry but just that this wasn't the right time or the right proposal for us. As of the date of this writing, Jan. 12, 2011, talks continue among the other congregations and a new group of people interested in Ministry to the North West area of the city and Presbytery. I hope we at Mountain View will continue to pray for our church as we refocus our energies on our current Ministry and local community and I hope we can all pray for and wish others "all the best" in their endeavors to seek the best path for a possible, future United Church presence in that area of the city.

There were challenges finding chairs for some committees and other volunteers and envelope givings were down throughout the summer and early fall as is usually the case but as of this writing people are coming forward to make commitments to Gods work and their Church as time goes on and our challenges are being dealt with as they come to a head little by little.

All in all it has been a year of celebration and consideration with much study and intense but mostly polite and respectful discussions and many many prayers for guidance and that is what we are always dealing with as the board but just when we think we have made a final decision and we have considered everything and made a plan, God's love surprises us with new things to think about.

Yours in Christ's service,



**REPORT OF STRATEGIC AND LONG TERM
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

With the extensive review of the future of the Church that took place in 2010 leading to the vote the end of October, the Long Term Planning Committee was involved at the Board level and otherwise on behalf of the Congregation. We conducted a review of alternatives to the proposed merger and presented those alternatives to the Congregation in the spring of 2010, with the help of a number of members of the Church family.

In June we renewed our parking agreement with the Moncton Hospital until June of 2013. It was determined at the time to be in the interest of both the Church and the Hospital to extend the agreement for three years where the previous agreement had been in place for five years. The new agreement obliged us to be responsible for our own snow removal and certain other expenses which had previously been the responsibility of the Moncton Hospital.

With the failure of the merger vote to achieve the intended result, the Long Term Planning Committee will look to the Congregation as to how you may wish us to proceed as 2011 unfolds on the number of strategic issues we must consider as it relates to the future of the Congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

Brian Forbes, Chair
Long Term Planning Committee





Outreach Committee
Annual Report 2010

During 2010, the Outreach Committee met for nine meetings, skipping the months of July, August and December.

We have eleven members which includes representatives from Session, the Observer and the M&S Representative. The position of a UCW representative has not been filled since the retirement of Kathleen Soucoup. As well, we have a secretary and a Chair along with six other members. Our minister, Rev. Mary Anningson is always invited to our meetings.

We have had a very satisfying and productive year with all members involved in our many projects.

Our M&S Enthusiast, Vera Sweezey, keeps us in touch with the National Office of the United Church of Canada and the important work carried on by our church through the M&S Fund.

We continue to encourage our congregation to subscribe to the Observer Magazine.

Queen Elizabeth School remains as a major part of our work. This year, we have had an additional 237 children, who were transferred from Edith Cavell School, into Queen Elizabeth, due to the closure of Moncton High School. This has greatly increased the number of children who come to us for their breakfast and for help with their reading skills.

For breakfast, we are seeing upwards of 60 to 100+ each morning. With the addition of the Edith Cavell children, we have 5 volunteers, from Highfield Baptist Church, who were working with their breakfast programme. We have 2 parent volunteers, along with Mountain View's 9 volunteers. That gives us a total of 16 volunteers all working very well with one another for the Breakfast Programme.

For reading, we are working with a total of 10 volunteers, 7 from Mountain View and 3 from Highfield Baptist Church.

Outreach responded to a call for volunteers for the Monthly Community Dinner, held on the last Sunday of each month, sponsored by Humphrey Memorial United Church. We are continuing to help with this endeavor. They have been able to count on us since June 2009. This year, 2010, is the celebration of their tenth anniversary.

Since June 2009, we have been taking care of our Food Box, distributing it to members of our congregation and the Food Depot Alimentaire Inc. on McNaughton Drive. That work continued through 2010 because of the generous contributions of our congregation.

We have recently mailed a carton of 55 Bandages for Leprosy Patients in Viet Nam.

In March of 2010, we hosted a meeting with invited guests of the Outreach Committees of Humphrey Memorial, Stilesville United, Wesley Memorial United Church. We were pleased to have a total of 18 people present.

Two of our members are attending the monthly meetings of ReConnect. ReConnect is now in their new quarters on Main Street. They are hopeful that this will become a permanent location for them.

In June, we gathered at Mike's Restaurant, Mountain Road, for a dinner meeting.

In December, we placed our last order for Just Us! Coffee. We have decided to discontinue with this project.

Melissa Affleck attended our meeting in October and gave a slide presentation of her trip to Ghana. She is making plans to return and would like to raise funds to help this school. Outreach would like to support her in this project and we will continue our discussions with her.

For 2010, on behalf of our congregation, Outreach has sent \$500.00 to AST and \$200.00 to ReConnect. These funds were sent mid-year. To close off our year, we have sent \$100.00 each to five appeals: ReConnect, Karing Kitchen, Mobile One, House of Nazareth, Crossroads for Women, for a total of \$1,200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Hoyt
Acting Chair



**Annual Report of Property Committee
For year ending December 31, 2010**

The Property Committee of this congregation has enjoyed a good year in managing the building maintenance of our church facility. We attend to regular maintenance and repair jobs as needed.

We wish to offer a special thank you to our custodian Ed Harris for his efforts in keeping our church facility neat, clean and orderly through out the year. This is well noted by our congregation and many outside visitors.

Special thanks are also extended to Liz Simmons who does a terrific job managing our rental inquiries and keeps a busy weekly schedule.

Some of these activities are Brownies, Guides, Bible Study, AA, Recovery Group, AL-Anon, Special Committees of Chignecto Presbytery, Chignecto Presbytery Executive, UCW, Adult Fellowship, I.O.D.E., Local Campers Association and a Round Dance Group, Mt View Scrappers, Pastoral Care Division of the Moncton Hospital, Pierre Caissie Centre to name a few.

Our church hall continues to be a designated refuge shelter in case of any kind of emergency that might take place at Queen Elizabeth School. The school system has a very structured procedure in place to deal with any emergency that may arise. Safety of all of the students is one of the most important factors within District 2.

We continue to rent on an as needed basis, our gym facilities, for private social functions to people associated with the church and others.

To date we have experienced several storms that included high winds. If you use the back door or the front door to our sanctuary on Sunday morning you will continue to notice a growing crop of broken shingles laying on the ground around both doors. These are from the south side of the hall roof. We are uncertain at this time as to how much life there is left in this roof, but a new roof has been worked into the 2011 budget.

As we do our basic planning for the 2011 year, and along with the fact there are no immediate plans to move out of this location, we will continue to keep our building looking the best we can, and as functional as possible. We now move forward with our long awaited upgrades and repairs to make our facility a place to enjoy fellowship and to worship God.

The planned upgrades for the year 2011 as explained in the budget represent the certification of our elevator, front door repairs, hand railing at front of sanctuary, repair water leak in the Fall Fun Fair room, some unfinished electrical in the choir loft and the board room, manse repair, general maintenance and snow plowing.

To all others who gave of their time and talents to make our church facility a more comfortable place to gather, and to worship, we say “Thank You”.

Our agreement with the hospital concerning the use of their parking lot has been signed and is in effect until June 14, 2013.

Doug Hoyt

Property Chair
December 31, 2010.



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 2010

The Board of Trustees held 5 meeting this year with Bob Smith as chairperson.

Action taken in 2010 included the renewal of insurance on church property with the United Church program (Hub Insurance) paying by the month instead of yearly. We had several quotes from other companies.

The Manse continues to be rented by the same tenants as last year, but they are now paying on a month to month basis as agreed to in the lease.

The loan of \$2000.00 from the Trustee Committee to the Finance-Stewardship committee to purchase gift cards from Sobeys, Supertore and Co-op has been paid in full.

Discussions at our meetings included: Celebrating 60 years at Mountain View, finding a better rate of interest on our investments, amalgamation, future of our manse and property and quotes for roofing the hall, etc.

In the Financial Report that follows, the Building/Relocation Fund shows \$9665.96. In a recent meeting the Trustees agreed to seek the guidance of the congregation about the utilization of this fund at the Annual Meeting.

Sandra Swansburg
Secretary for Trustees



(Trustees Financial Report)

**Moncton Area Council of Churches
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Gwen MacRae, Rev. Mary Anningson and Avalon Owen were delegates to the Moncton Area Council of Churches for the past year.

In April, I attended the meeting at the First United Baptist Church and learned of the trip to be taken by the students of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Riverview to South America.

In October, I attended the meeting at St. Bernard's where the students showed slides and spoke of their involvement in the building of two houses, their assistance in the distribution of food to outlying areas and their trip to the top of a volcano. It was a very enlightening experience and I have to commend these young people, and their chaperones, for a job well done.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

God Bless

Avalon Owen
Gwen MacRae
Mountain View United Church Representatives
for Moncton Area Council of Churches



**Ministry and Personnel Committee
2010 Report**

The by-laws pertaining to the Ministry and Personnel Committee state that " the Committee shall consist of not less that three and not more than seven members representative, of Pastoral charge".

In keeping with the by-laws, in 2010 the M&P Ministry at Mountain View United Church was comprised of seven members:

Myrna Balderston
Dale Finnamore
Isabel Jones
Brian Rietzel
Vera Sweezey
Reg Beach
Gerry MacEachern

During the year the committee met 6 times and reports were made to the Congregational Board.

There were no personnel changes in 2010.

This past year was stressful for our staff. They all displayed a co-operative attitude and provided excellent support.

M & P met and reviewed the salary of all personnel, prepared and submitted our recommendations to the Finance Committee for their 2011 budget.

I wish to thank all of the members of the M & P Committee who worked with me throughout this year.

Thank you,

Reg Beach
Chair, Ministry & Personnel Committee



Nomination Committee Report

We didn't have any meetings after the annual meeting on 14th, February 2010. After the vote I asked the chairs of each committee to ask those that their term was going to be up in January 2011 if they would stay for another term. This they have done and it was great that the majority would stay.

We had our first meeting on 6th, January 2011 to try and fill the vacant positions. If we missed calling you and you want to be more active in your church it is very easy to volunteer. All you have to do is call the church office or someone on the Nomination Committee. We would welcome an opportunity to speak to you and discuss further where your personal gifts and talents may fit to better serve your church. By being on a committee you get to know more people and it is fun.

We would like to thank those that will be retiring or resigning on 30th, January 2011 and also those that have agreed to start new on 30th, January 2011 and to those that will keep serving.

A big **Thank You.**

Respectfully submitted

Melville Johnson
Acting Chairperson





UCW Annual Report

January is almost gone and another year is upon us. I know time goes at the same rate it always has and yet it seems to be going faster for me. Grandchildren are growing at an alarming rate. Our friends are aging – not us of course. We seem to require longer to do those things that once we did with almost no thought. The truth is that time changes all things and we are no exception.

Time has changed a few things for UCW. We no longer do our spring tea and we have cut back on our catering. We still do our spring yard sale. We also have two thank offering meetings with money going to designated charities either locally or on a worldwide level. Our members continue to work at all levels in our church. We help, work, donate and volunteer for our church family. We have members working at school breakfast programs, reading programs, and much more good work that many never know about.

2010 was Mountain View’s 60th Anniversary. Throughout the year we have had many events to help us celebrate our rich past. One fun even for us was the tea that UCW organized. We had many positive comments on the hats and the fun everyone had that day.

October 31st a vote to amalgamate did not pass and so we looked to our future at this location. What can this mean for us in UCW? I think this will create a unique opportunity for those of us who are UCW members. This can be a means for us to rededicate ourselves to the work that God has and will call us to do at Mountain View.

I marvel at the work we as a General UCW do and also the work that individual units accomplish. Mittens are knit, blankets are quilted, food is collected, families are remembered, money is donated, eyeglasses are collected, layettes are sent to the hospital and much more. We continue to as we always have; answering Gods call to us as member of his family and members of UCW. We attempt to use our purpose in our daily lives as we have for years.

I want to thank all the women who have helped to make my job a pleasant and fulfilling one. I mentioned a need and there is always someone to offer help. I say we need 6 of this and I get 12. I forget and someone remembers. I get overwhelmed and someone lifts me up. I am the president but it is you the members who deserve the credit for all we accomplish.

My wish for all of you is a wonderful year that is healthy, happy and peace filled.

THE UCW VISION

As United Church Women, we believe:
◆ That as Christian women of faith, we nurture spirituality by reaching out with commitment and devotion to all God's people.
◆ In promoting justice, peace, caring and sharing with respect for all in the community and wider world.
◆ In loving God and others by living generously and giving joyfully, and
◆ In affirming and strengthening ourselves creatively in study and witness through

Respectfully submitted,

Joan MacLeod,

**THE UCW
MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to love God, to foster Christian faithfulness, spirituality, commitment and devotion and to promote love and respect by living generously and giving joyfully to all God's people and to affirm and strengthen ourselves creatively.

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Apple Pie Report for 2010

Apple pie making was on the 2nd and 23rd of October, 2010.

We had 34 helpers on 2nd, October and 40 on the 23rd, October. This was great. We had a good time getting into the dough and flour some for the first time. Everyone stopped to have a coffee break. (union rules).

There was 605 pies made for a profit of \$2,657.40. Your committee thanks all who, bought, sold and worked so hard while having a lively, fun and social time fundraising for our church.

Your committee:

Melville Johnson & Nan Leger



LOBSTER TAKE OUT - 2010

We had lots of help come out on Friday night and Saturday, 5th June but we can always use more . A big thank you to everyone, those that worked, baked and purchased dinners.

The gross revenue \$7992.00 total expenses \$3854.94 for a profit of \$4137.06

A special thank you to Mapleton Road Co-Op for produce at cost. The lobsters were purchase again this year from Big Fish in Shediac. Phone #532-9215.

There is a saying many hands make light work. This held true again this past year. Come out and help in June 2011 and enjoy plus the social side of this event.

Your committee – Melville Johnson , Nan Leger, Joan & Bob MacLeod.



**Courier Newsletter
Report 2010**



Production of the Courier slowed in 2010 as my time to focus on its creation was filled with other projects, as well as some work projects. I am open to handing the Courier over to its next owner, as I am unsure whether I will have much free time in the months ahead. Otherwise, if no one steps up to take over, I will continue to do the best I can with it.

Contributions have always been welcomed and the congregation is wonderful with providing content -- each word that you contribution is greatly appreciated.

An issue was produced in April, and I was pleased that the board was open to using technology in an attempt to streamline the process. A shared file was set up on Google Document and committees inputted their own reports. I then went to the document and fixed formatting, added in a bit more content and handed the photocopying, labelling and organizing duties on to that sub-committee. I was pleased with the results.

I will do all I can to increase production in 2011 and I look forward to mentoring the next editor.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Finnamore



2010 FALL FUN FAIR REPORT

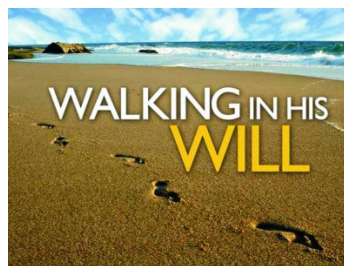
Thanks to the support of the many people who contributed to the Fall Fun Fair in a variety of ways, we once again had a successful fair. The Mexican theme was fun, particularly in the Cosy Café, where our host and hostess, Robert and Sue Godin, looked fabulous in their costumes.

Money and donations kept coming in even after the fair was over. That, along with the money from the Yard Sale the following week, enabled us to have a grand total of \$6965.82. What a great group of workers we have at Mountain View!

In spite of Paul’s poor health, Paul and Mary Hebert, with Carson’s help, headed up the Silent Auction once again. Harley and his crew of workers sorted through piles of donated items to set up the Flea Market. Bill and Elizabeth Godfrey put us in the Christmas spirit with their Christmas area. Avalon and helpers set up their amazing jewelry display. Gwen contributed aprons and other handmade items for sale. Liz had a personal goal of making even more money than she did the previous year in her Attic Treasures, and she succeeded admirably. The UCW ladies manned (“womaned”) their tables with their usual enthusiasm. Carson’s books, tapes, and puzzles were a great hit. The Brownies had a very nice table of items for sale. Kari created exceptionally tasty “sweet treats” for the children, although I saw more adults eating them than children! Kari and Margie tried their hand at making tacos to go along with the Mexican theme and were sold out. The kitchen crew as well as waiters and waitresses all served with great good humor. I can’t forget Ed who put in countless hours setting up, putting away, and cleaning up, not to mention assisting anyone who needed help. There were far too many people involved to name each person individually, but please know that you are appreciated.

The 2011 Fall Fun Fair will have a “tartan” theme, so dig out anything you have that is tartan and prepare to wear it. Welcome to “The Tartan Tea Room”!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Groundwater
Chairperson



Adult Fellowship

The “Adult Fellowship” Games and Luncheons group meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday’s of the month. Approximately 15 to 20 people enjoy fellowship, coffee and games; followed by a delicious meal served by the dedicated volunteers of Mountain View.

On alternate Thursdays folks gather to play shuffleboard and games. Newcomers of all ages are always welcome to come and join us.

Mountain View 60th Anniversary Committee Report

It was a pleasure to be part of the Mountain View 60th Anniversary Committee, or, as we called ourselves, the Party Committee.

One of our first projects was making sure our community within the church and our neighbours knew we were celebrating this special event. Under the guidance of Mike Langille and the Property Committee, two banners were designed to hang in the sanctuary and a large banner was designed and hung over the front doors. Mike also designed a t-shirt logo and arranged for printing -- the shirts were handed out as prizes and gifts during the year.

Throughout the year, we had long-time members of Mountain View share their memories of their time at our church. During our 60th anniversary, Ian MacBeath, Donna Love-Melanson, Ron Maund, Amy and Hal Mullin, Allison Finnamore, Brian Forbes, Ginny Denier, Lynda Jean and Lloyd Coffin, Susan Estabrooks, Nan Leger, Krista Rietzel and Betty Mullin shared their stories with us.

With the help of other committees in the church, we co-ordinated monthly events to keep the celebration going. We asked the congregation to commit to 60 random acts of love and kindness between January and Nov. 21. The random acts were anonymously written on slips of paper and we created a paper chain that, on the morning of Anniversary Sunday, surrounded the sanctuary.

With the assistance of the Scrapbooking Group, we held a Name that Baby contest, where we brought in photographs of ourselves as babies and guessed who was who now. As well, we co-ordinated the construction of flower beds at the front of the church and asked members of the congregation to donate leftover annuals to the project. We also worked with the UCW to co-ordinate a tea party and with the choir on the Memorial Hymn Sing.

Throughout the year, members of the Anniversary Committee worked to touch base with former ministers and their families to obtain photographs, which we then arranged to have mounted, framed and hung at the back of the church. These were unveiled on Anniversary Sunday.

On the weekend of our 60th anniversary, we held a potluck dinner and sing-song. Rev. Lester Settle, who worked as a student minister at Mountain View 60 years ago, was guest speaker. Photographs reflecting our time together were compiled and printed into special bulletins. An evening service, where we invited members of the Greater Moncton church community to celebrate with us, was also held.

Ongoing is the creation of a Memories of Mountain View book, which will be a professional printed publication available in the upcoming months. The book will be a print-on-demand and sold at a cost-recovery price of around \$20.

Financially, we were funded by a \$1,000 bequest and with the profit from both the tea and Memorial Hymn sing, we covered all costs and added over \$3,000 to the church's general funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Finnamore,
Brian Forbes,
Sheila Huntley,
Joan MacLeod,
Nan Leger,
Brian Lowe

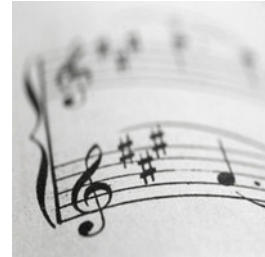
60th Anniversary Committee Report



**Mountain View Senior Choir
Annual Report for 2010**

From the loft:

“ Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing!”



Let us hope this feeling of wonder, joy and peace will remain with us all year long.

Our Senior Choir has had a great year of music and fellowship under the inspired direction of our organist and choir director, Mark. Thank you, Mark, for everything you do.

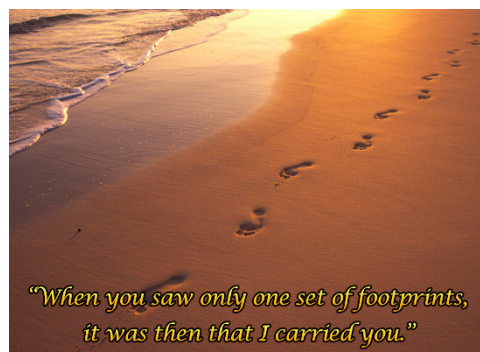
We have led in the ministry of music at regular Sunday Services and a few funerals. This year, we purchased a coil-backed Voices United for the piano and are in the process of purchasing two overhead mikes for the choir area. We also, donated to the benevolent fund at Christmas.

Thank you to the wonderful new members who have joined us in the loft. You truly add to our ministry of music.

If you like to sing and would be interested in joining us Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., We'd love to have you.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy 2011.

Donna Love-Melanson
President





Christian Education Committee

2010 Annual Report

This has been another busy year for the Christian Education committee as we have hosted many activities that had been enjoyed throughout the year. We have enjoyed this year and are looking forward new opportunities in the upcoming year to continue our work.

Throughout the year, we had hosted Coffee & Conversation on various Sundays including: Palm Sunday, Promotion Sunday, Graduation Sunday, Super Sunday, and White Gift Sunday. Lenten and Advent booklets have again been provided to the congregation by our committee during the Easter and Christmas season. We have continued to send monthly *SplashPack* kits to the families of children that have been baptized during the year in addition to birthday cards to current and past children from our Sunday School.

June continues to be a busy month for our committee as we celebrated with our Sunday School and High School Graduates. This year's Sunday School Closing and Picnic was held at the Rotary

Lodge in Mapleton Park. The day was absolutely beautiful for the service which was held on the veranda. Thank you to Sobey's Champlain Place for generously donating the hotdogs and buns, and to our spouses who assisted with the picnic. Later in June, we recognized 2 of our high school graduates during the service followed with Coffee & Conversation in their honor.

*If you are interested in learning more about an opportunity to be a **Sunday School Teacher or Helper, Nursery Helper, or Committee Member**, please contact a committee member.
We would love to hear from you!*

In September, we welcomed the Congregation and Sunday School back after the summer with our Annual Super Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream sundaes and the children were excited to be reacquainted after their summer vacations! Reverend Mary provided the Blessing of the Schoolbags

for the children during the service.

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Christian Education Committee continued.

CE Committee

Members:

*Kim Bryenton
Kim Affleck
Judy Beach
Margo Chase
Judy Davis
Tammy Davis-Gallant
Barb Groundwater
Melanie Stace*

December was another busy month for the committee. The Sunday School Pageant entitled *Michelle Mouse* was held during the Church Service on White Gift Sunday. The children enjoyed sharing their talents with the congregation, and having the opportunity to be in costumes for the pageant. We are very proud of all the children for their hard work! Many thanks to the family and friends supported the Sunday School throughout the year!

We hosted the Annual Christmas Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange again this year. The evening was enjoyed by those who attended for the Carol Sing and those who had participated in the Cookie Exchange. As always, this is a wonderful activity to unwind during the busy preparations of the holiday season. Thank you to Mark Lloyd for offering your talents again this year for carol sing.

I would like to thank all committee members and their spouses, and any other members of the congregation who have assistance us with our various activities and events throughout the year. Thank you to Carol Woods for her efforts as committee member. She has retired this year after many years of service with CE. I would also like to welcome Kim Affleck who joined CE during the year, and Barb Groundwater who has become the Sunday School Superintendant for the upcoming year. We are pleased to have you join us and look forward to working with you. We are also grateful to Reverend Mary, Liz, Ed, and Mark for all of their assistance throughout the year. The efforts of everyone together have helped to create yet another successful and exciting year!



Respectively Submitted,

Kimberley Bryenton

Chairperson

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2010

In 2010 we officially became the Finance/Stewardship Committee, but did not get the additional members we had hoped for. We met every month, except for July & August, and provided folks to count offering each Sunday. We sincerely thank all those who assisted in this way.

We recognized that many envelope numbers between 1 – 250 were unassigned, and asked our envelope secretary to order only 200 envelopes for 2011. Those with numbers over 200 have been assigned new lower ones, and we still have numbers to give any new persons requesting envelopes.

In 2009 we were given a “Memorial Hymn Sing” as a possible fund-raiser. We kept this event until 2010, to be part of our 60th anniversary celebrations. Close to 250 letters were distributed to our members, past members, and families associated with Mountain View over the years. We had approximately 80 replies, with \$3830.00 in donations received. We held the “Memorial Hymn Sing” on Sept 26th and saw a good number attend. Mark and the choir did a wonderful job, and people seemed well pleased with the event. As promised in our letter, we have had photos of all of our ministers framed, and hung in the sanctuary.

Fund-raisers held this year included:

Pancake Supper (\$1195.95), Lobster Take-out (\$4137.06), Memorial Hymn Sing (\$3830.00), Pie-Making (\$2657.40), Talent Money Project (\$1589.22), and \$1500.00 from Grocery Card sales. We maintain approximately \$3,000.00 in cards, as well as having repaid the Trustees the \$2,000.00 we borrowed to begin the project. Along with the \$7,000.00 raised from the Fall Fun Fair, fund-raising amounts to over \$20,000.00 for 2010!

At the December Executive Board meeting, a motion has put in place a fund named “Church Improvement Fund”. Donations to this will help fund the significant maintenance items contained in Property’s 2011 budget.

We offer sincere thanks to all who continue to assist in any way possible.

Nan Leger - Chair

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND REPORT – 2010**RECEIPTS**

Congregational Givings	\$ 31,129
Designated Gifts	1,850
UCW	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$ 33,979

DISBURSEMENTS

National M & S Fund	\$ 33,979
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MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 14, 2010.

Following the church service, lunch and a hymn sing, the Annual Congregational Meeting of Mountain View United Church, Moncton, was called to order at twelve twenty-five (12:25 p.m.) by Brian Affleck, Congregational Board Chair.

DEVOTIONS:

Rev. Mary Anningson opened the meeting with prayer, thanking God for our ministry, for all the people giving their time and treasure, for those unable to be with us today, for those of our church family who died over the past 12 months, along with their families. She also asked for strength to go forward in our ministry.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Rev. Mary Anningson asked for a moment of silence in memory of those members and adherents who have died over the past year. (Names printed in the Annual Report).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:

Hearing no further nomination for a meeting chair, it was agreed by the meeting that Brian Affleck would chair the Annual meeting as recommended by the Congregational Board Executive.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY:

Hearing no other nominations for a secretary for this meeting, it was agreed by those present that Brian Lowe would record the minutes as recommended by the Congregational Board Executive.

ATTENDANCE: (80)

Allan Groundwater	Michael Langille	Doug Hoyt
Vera Swezey	Ed Harris	Stephen Mitchell
Faye Mitchell	Betty Mullin	James Mullin
Clive Balderston	Myrna Balderston	Isabel Jones
Beth MacBeath	Ian MacBeath	Ardith MacPherson
John MacPherson	Monica Richard	Brian Forbes
Frank DeLong	Fred Blacklock	Joan DeLong
Kathleen Soucoup	Hazel Moore	Pauline Orr
Allan Borden	Irene Borden	Grant Purves
Lee Purves	Debbie Ellison	Joan MacLeod
Bob MacLeod	Enid Langille	Arlene Dernier
Ginny Hill	Tim Hill	Kim Bryenton
Graham Bryenton	Matt Bryenton	Kari Bryenton
Rev. Mary Anningson	Janet Durkee-Lloyd	Mark Lloyd
Gerry MacEachern	Frank Hussey	Valerie Hussey
Nan Leger	Ron Leger	Jane Cassidy
Kaye Estabrooks	Bill Godfrey	Elizabeth Godfrey
Oscar Corey	Edith Corey	James Scott
Rose Scott	Jean Yeomans	Margie Wilson
Donna Moore	Jim Moore	Cecil MacLellan
Harley Stackhouse	Albert Haley	Reg Beach
Judy Beach	Judy Laventure	Bob Dixon
Sheila Huntley	Gwendoline MacRae	Avalon Owen

Melville Johnson
Hal Mullin
Brian Affleck
Allison Finnamore

Mary Johnson
Sheila Hoyt
Brian Lowe
Dale Finnamore

Regina Cote
Brian Lowe
Krista Rietzel

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

It was moved by Reg Beach and seconded by Albert Haley that the agenda for the meeting be approved with one correction: under New Business, item c.) “removal of set time lines for church redevelopment project” – this was done at last year’s Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

VOTING PRIVILEGES:

It was moved by Nan Leger and seconded by Joan MacLeod that voting privileges be extended to adherents as well as members. Motion carried.

TIME LIMIT FOR MEETING:

It was moved by Judy Beach and seconded by Allan Groundwater that the meeting be concluded by three o’clock (3:00p.m.). After discussion and clarification the motion carried.

(If the business of the meeting is not concluded by 3 p.m., do we meet again next week? No, we need 2 weeks notice to hold a congregational meeting. If we get close to 3 p.m. and the business is not finished, a motion can be made to extend the time).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING:

It was moved by Reg Beach and seconded by Joan MacLeod that the minutes of the February 1, 2009 Annual Meeting be accepted as printed in the Annual Report. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2009 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

It was moved by Gerry MacEachern and seconded by Allan Borden that the minutes of the Congregational Board meeting, November 8, 2009 be accepted with 2 corrections:

The minutes of the meeting are incomplete and do not fully reflect the discussion that took place.

Gerry MacEachern requested that this statement be added to those minutes:

“Despite the wording of the motion as written and presented, those in attendance were assured by the chair, Brian Affleck, that the intent of the motion was not as written, but it was to investigate and discuss with the other three churches, the possibility of amalgamation, with any decision on amalgamation to be made by the congregation of Mountain View United Church at a later date”. The statement was read a second time for clarification.

On page 1032, there was no seconder recorded for the motion made by Grant Purves. Brian Forbes stated that he was the seconder.

Motion carried with these corrections.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

THANKS EXPRESSED:

Brian Affleck thanked those who helped with this meeting and to committee chairs and members for all the hard work done this past year.

A special thanks was expressed to our paid staff, Rev. Mary Anningson, Liz Simmons, Mark Lloyd and Ed Harris for all their work, doing much more than we are aware of.

REPORTS:

Brian Affleck asked if there were any questions about any of the reports appearing in the Annual Report. Clive Balderston stated that in the Financial statements, the item “miscellaneous donations” was way up over last year. It was explained that what used to be 2 separate items, miscellaneous and other, were combined under the one title.

Also from Clive – the figure for manse rental looks low. Nan Leger explained that the manse was unrented from May until October and Finance budgeted a lower rent for the new tenants. Clive congratulated everyone for their work which resulted in a balanced budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Proposed budget for 2010: Prior to Frank Hussey presenting the proposed budget, Nan Leger, Finance Committee Chair, gave an informative report:
 - The Finance Committee has been renamed the Finance/Stewardship Committee, adding new responsibilities (the annual stewardship campaign, and helping to co-ordinate fundraisers such as the grocery card program).
 - Envelope offerings did not reach the budgeted amount for 2009, but fundraisers, special offerings and rentals helped us end the year with a \$3700 surplus.
 - At the November Town Hall meeting, it was reported that the number of envelope users was shrinking. There are presently 250 sets of envelopes ordered, but there are 67 envelope numbers that are not being used, so starting in 2011, only 200 sets will be ordered and some will have their envelope numbers changed.
 - Statistics were presented on percentages of givings by amounts (percentages) and the age of the contributors.
 - The trend appears to be that fewer people are giving by envelope (or PAR), and the people in the older age group are giving the higher percentage, so – What are our options in light of this? Would we be able to operate with a lower budget? What cuts would we have to make? Can the larger, younger group be convinced to increase their offerings?
 - In light of this financial picture, some say it’s a reason for choosing amalgamation – but we have been told that amalgamating strictly for financial purposes is doomed from the start – that in a very few years we would again see a decline in both attendance and finances. We should feel that God is calling us to a much bigger vision beyond finances.
 - Should we decide to amalgamate and build a new building, it is believed this should be an energy efficient, income generating, self-supporting facility.
 - Frank Hussey presented the proposed budget for 2010 showing total receipts of two hundred twenty-three thousand, seven hundred dollars (\$223,700) and total disbursements of two hundred twenty-three thousand, three hundred forty five dollars (\$223, 345) leaving a surplus of three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$355).
 - Allison Finnamore asked if there was any money budgeted for the 60th Anniversary Committee. Nan replied that the one thousand dollar bequest from the Dawn Burke estate was earmarked for that area and if further funds were needed, the treasurer would be approached.
 - It was moved by Dale Finnamore and seconded by Ian MacBeath that the proposed budget for 2010 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

2) Nominating Committee Report:

Mel Johnson presented the report from the Nominating Committee. He reported that the committee has been busy over the past year updating the job descriptions of all the committees. Mel also stated that there are still vacancies in some of the committees and that it was his hope that people would volunteer to serve in those positions.

It was moved by Nan Leger and seconded by Doug Hoyt that the Nominating Committee report be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT:

It was moved by Dale Finnamore and seconded by Allan Borden that the Annual Report be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM VISIONS UNITED: Kari Bryenton

- Kari gave a detailed report on the work of the Visions United Committee (VU) including: “Where are we today?” Town Hall meetings of the 4 churches involved, The Rob Dalgliesh workshop (January 30th) and combined service, “Myth of scarcity”, “What do we bring to the table”, Subcommittees and Next Steps. Discussion followed.
- Joan MacLeod – Mountain View is in great hands judging from Kari’s report and the work being done by VU.
- Dale Finnamore – After all the work done over the past 4 or 5 years (Strategic Planning), not convinced we need to move. The uncertainty of the future is troublesome, having already caused some to leave. Do we want to spend another 5 months going down this road?
- Allan Groundwater—We need to listen to the VU and let them do their work. We cannot focus on the past. What has happened is behind us. Give the VU the opportunity to do their job.
- Gerry MacEachern—Undecided on amalgamation. We need a full report from the Congregational Board on all the possibilities. All communications indicate only one option – amalgamation. Have we considered those we would lose if amalgamation comes?
- Debbie Ellison – We need to look to the future. God is walking with us and the VU committee. Our resources and finances are okay today, but what about 5 years from now?
- Nan Leger – It is not a foregone conclusion that the 4 congregations will amalgamate. Each congregation will vote on its future. But we need to journey with the others to see if we can co-exist. Can we support what we want to do, staying here, with a new congregation in our backyard?
- Gerry MacEachern – Can we have a commitment that the May meeting will present all possibilities?
- Joan MacLeod – Why would we need the Board to do that when we have representatives on VU?
- Dale Finnamore – Please clarify the mandate of the VU Committee.
- Kari Bryenton/Rev. Mary Anningson – The mandate is the motion from the November 8, 2009 Congregational meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other new business, Reg Beach moved the adjournment of the meeting at two o’clock (2:00 p.m.).

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Mary Anningson gave a closing prayer.

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 16, 2010.

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A meeting of the congregation of Mountain View United Church, Moncton, took place on Sunday, May sixteenth, two thousand ten (16/05/10). The meeting was called to order at eleven forty-five (11:45 a.m.), following the church service.

The meeting was chaired by Hal Mullin, Vice chair of the Congregational Board as recommended by the Board and Brian Lowe, secretary of the Board, took the minutes.

It was stated that Visions United (VU) is interested in all opinions and dialogue.

ROLE CALL (92 BY SIGNATURE)

Names will be included at the end of the minutes.

MOTION:

It was moved by Brian Affleck and seconded by Joan MacLeod that the Task, Vision and Vision Path expressed in the document A Uniting Vision for the Congregations of Humphrey Memorial, Mountain View, Stilesville and Wesley Memorial – May 2010 be accepted as the initial Task, Vision and Vision Path for the proposed single point pastoral charge, and that our representatives to the VU committee continue working towards creating a new single point pastoral charge through amalgamation. This work will culminate in an amalgamation vote to be held prior to or on October 31, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

Janet Lloyd:

- To the issue of amalgamating to a 1 point charge, we will be deconstructing 4 churches and constructing 1 church.
- Becoming a blended family takes time, often 2 years to get to know each other.
- We will be dealing with changes – a lot of work involved.
- Offering new ministries does not necessarily bring new people.
- This present church has much love in it just as it is.

Mark Lloyd:

- Read a poem/hymn.
- The grass is not always greener elsewhere.
- The sense of love and community here is healing.
- Are we desperate, leading us to move?
- Take an inventory of what we are doing – ministry is blossoming here.

Nan Leger:

- Moved from Humphrey Memorial many years ago, leaving her church family, now seeing some of those same people as part of our new church family.
- Nearly 5 years ago we made the decision to move to a new location, possibly in partnership with others. We are now involved with 3 other congregations of like-minded people.

Kari Bryenton:

- Part of the VU committee.
- Grew up here, confirmed here and married here.
- The problems we face as a congregation are not unique to us, they are affecting most churches.
- We have the desire to do more, but for whatever reason, have not done it.

- There is lots of work to be done regardless of how the vote goes.
- Who can we help?
- What does God want us to do?

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 16, 2010 continued.

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Harley Stackhouse:

- Thanked the VU Committee for their work.
- The amalgamation talk is about money to a certain extent. If the 2 financially hurting churches could be sold, that money could be used to help build up the other churches/congregations.
- Moving to a new location could prevent our being able to do some of our present outreach work.
- Having a youth group is possible – just need people to come forth to help.

John Jones:

- What percentage of money from selling a church is available for a new church?

Hal Mullin:

- That will be dealt with further down the road once this decision is made.

Brian Forbes:

- If any of the 4 congregations decide to merge, 100% of sale money is available to the new congregation.

Joan MacLeod:

- Our programs are provided by the folks who come to Mountain View and will continue to be provided regardless of our location.
- This building has potential for many possibilities if we go elsewhere.

Rev. Mary Anningson:

- Outreach programs will be done at the decision of the congregation – but helping the hospital will be more difficult in another location.

Sandra Alward:

- Has travelled extensively and worked in many churches.
- Mountain View folks feel tired and in need of new blood.
- There are many avenues to get people here.
- What can we do to build up ministry here?
- We are blessed with Mark Lloyd's music.
- The love is here to do things.

Grant Purves:

- Session has made the decision to stay open this summer since a mutual decision could not be reached with the 3 ministers around vacation time. Decision making could be more complicated with 4 churches involved.
- (Clarification from Brian Affleck – the main reason for staying open this summer came about because our minister was not consulted about the vacation plans, so we decided that in order for her to have her desired vacation time, it was simpler if we stayed open – however, there were also some other factors in that decision.)
- With each of the 4 churches having their own staff, and not all will be hired at a new church, we may not be so happy with the staff at the new place.

Gerry MacEachern:

- The vote today is to keep the investigation going.
- Factors to keep in mind include staffing changes and loss of our organist.

Heather Horsman:

- Will we lose our minister if we get a positive vote? (Brian Affleck explained that if we have a positive amalgamation vote, all clergy will lose their jobs, but can be considered for the position(s) in the new church. The national church makes this clear. However, not so clear, is how to handle the non-clergy positions. VU is struggling with this and hopes to be able to use the same model for all staff.)

Joan MacLeod:

- What happens if there is a no vote in any of the congregations? (Brian Affleck stated that representatives from any congregation that gets a no vote are invited to stay on as observers through further meetings.)

Brian Affleck:

- Volunteers are hard to find and that won't change whether we go or stay.
- If we pooled our resources, especially money, we could hire additional staff (ordained or otherwise) who could help to develop programs that would attract new people.
- Environics studies show that younger people will support/participate in projects, but will not play a leadership role.

The ballots were distributed to the congregation, preceded by a prayer (Hal Mullin).

Hal expressed congratulations and thanks to our VU representatives.

The results of the vote (counted by Sheila Huntley and Bob Smith) were announced in the church hall during a coffee/social time.

Members – 49 votes for the motion, 31 against.

Adherents – 6 voted for the motion, 3 against.

The motion is carried.

Paul Hebert moved the adjournment of the meeting at five past one (1:05 p.m.)

Hal Mullin, Board Vice Chair

Brian Lowe, Board Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Affleck	Brian Lowe	Mark Lloyd	Janet Lloyd	Gerald MacEachern
Vera Sweezey	Allan Borden	Irene Borden	Donna Moore	Belle Buchanan
Grant Purves	Paul Hebert	Graham Bryenton	Ken Harper	Daurice Harper
Ann Nickerson	Arlene Dernier	Sharon Edgett	Robert Dixon	Rev. Mary Anningson
Cecil MacLellan	Elsie MacLean	Mary Hebert	Sheila Huntley	Ed Harris
Brian Rietzel	Krista Rietzel	Carolyn Smith	Bob Smith	Joan MacLeod
Jean Yeomans	Nan Leger	Frank DeLong	Joan DeLong	Valerie Hussey
Frank Hussey	Polly Ervin	Hazel Moore	Lee Purves	Doreen Horsman
Regina Cote	Sylvia Stackhouse	Harley Stackhouse	Betty Reade	Doug Reade
Kaye Estabrooks	Jane Cassidy	Mary Allen	Debbie Ellison	John Ellison
Brian Forbes	Kelly McInnis	Albert Haley	Des Goguen	Audrey Goguen
Margaret Skinner	Donna Love Melanson	June Jones	Barb McGill	Jean Branscombe
Sandra Alward	James Scott	Rose Scott	James Mullin	Phyllis Dunham
Dale Swansburg	Kathleen Soucoup	Kim Affleck	Judy Davis	John Jones
Isabel Jones	Beth MacBeath	Sheila Hoyt	Melanie Stace	Kim Bryenton

Elmer Scott Heather Horsman Doug Hoyt Carol Woods Margaret Murray
Fred Blacklock Ruth Blacklock Fraser Ervin Margie Wilson Barbara Groundwater
Kari Bryenton Allan Groundwater Jim Laventure Judy Laventure Betty Mullin
Gwen MacKenzie Sandra Swansburg (92)

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Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 31, 2010.

A Congregational Meeting of Mountain View United Church, Moncton, was held on Sunday, October 31, 2010 following the church service.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold amalgamation vote.

The meeting was opened in the name of Jesus Christ by David Eagles (Presbytery appointed chair) at eleven twenty (11:20 a.m.)

David opened the meeting with prayer, thanking God for our 60 year journey at Mountain View and asked that the peace of Christ be with us all.

David stated that this is an historic day for the 4 congregations and referred to the final Visions United Document. Also that attendance sheets were being circulated and were to be signed by members and adherents present. (Those in attendance will be listed at the end of these minutes).

It was moved by Sheila Hoyt and seconded by Joan MacLeod that the minutes of the Congregational meeting of May 16, 2010 be accepted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brian Affleck and seconded by Paul Hebert that discussion end and the vote be taken by 12 o'clock (noon), as directed by Presbytery. Motion carried with one nay vote (Gerry MacEachern).

It was moved by Brian Forbes and seconded by Brian Rietzel to accept the motion from the Congregational Board which states "it was moved by Brian Forbes and seconded by Melville Johnson that the Congregational Board recommend to the Congregation at the special Congregational meeting of October 31, 2010 that the Congregation agree to endorse a vote of 60% or more voting in favour of the Visions United Motion for the purposes of amalgamation with Humphrey Memorial, Wesley Memorial and Stilesville United Church for presentation to Presbytery with the approval of the Board and the Congregation of Mountain View United Church".

Discussion: Brian Affleck stated that although the United Church Manual says that 50% plus 1 constitutes a majority vote and there is nothing to say that a congregation cannot change that, calling for a 60% vote means that the 40% voting against the motion controls the future direction of the congregation.

The chair asked that those in favour of the motion stand and since more than 60% of those in attendance stood, the motion carried.

It was moved by Fred Blacklock and seconded by Brian Affleck that the vote be conducted by secret ballot with 2 colours of ballots being used (green for members and beige for adherents, with members votes only being used to make the decision). Motion carried.

It was moved by Gerry MacEachern and seconded by Audrey (Colpitts) MacKeen to accept Melville Johnson, Bob Smith (appointed by the Congregational Board) and Wayne Trail (appointed by Presbytery) as scutineers. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brian Affleck and seconded by Nan Leger that the meeting proceed with the vote on the Visions United motion: "I agree that this pastoral charge request Chignecto Presbytery to

proceed with the amalgamation of Humphrey Memorial, Mountain View, Stilesville and Wesley Memorial pastoral charges, with amalgamation to be effective Feb. 1, 2011.”

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Discussion:

Brian Forbes spoke in favour of the motion.

Bob Dixon spoke against the motion.

Reg Beach stated that he once chaired the Property Committee, that he is aware that our present financial situation is not good, work needs to be done on this facility and the kitchen would not pass code if inspected by a food inspector.

Gerry MacEachern said that the purpose of Visions United was to investigate the possibility of amalgamation and not to recommend amalgamation. Also that there are other options for us, one being to stay alone, possibly at a new place.

Carolyn Smith: If we decide against amalgamation and a new church forms, many will end up going there for various reasons (outreach, new programming, etc.).

Heather Horsman: There is much to consider here today – reminding people of what we have here, there are many positives here already, we can grow here and others can join us here if they wish.

Kari Bryenton: We need to remember the origins of The United Church of Canada and that that spirit is presently with us.

Barb Groundwater: Trying to operate 4 churches is a waste of resources.

At 12:10 p.m. the balloting was closed.

At 12:39 p.m. we were told that the vote count was 62 votes for the motion and 62 votes against the motion. The motion was defeated.

It was moved by Dale Finnamore and seconded by Harley Stackhouse that the results of the vote be accepted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Grant Purves and seconded by Audrey MacKeen that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

For information:

Humphrey Memorial: 82% for 18% against.

Mountain View: 50% for 50% against.

Stilesville: 55% for 45% against.

Wesley Memorial: 47% for 53% against.

At 12:45 p.m. the meeting concluded.

David Eagles, Chair

Brian Lowe, Secretary

ATTENDANCE: (144)**Members:**

Bob MacLeod	Joan Macleod	Brian Rietzel	Krista Rietzel
Allison Finnamore	Bob Smith	Carolyn Smith	Sheila Hoyt
Jean Yeomans	Mary Johnson	Melanie Stace	Melville Johnson
Margaret Murray	Carol J. Gordon	Carol Woods	Frank Hussey
Joan DeLong	Frank DeLong	Clive Balderston	Myrna Balderston
Ruth Blacklock	Fred Blacklock	Fraser Ervin	Doug Hoyt
Larry Allen	Mary Allen	Jim Moore	Shelley Mullin
James Mullin	Betty Mullin	Jim Laventure	Judy Laventure
Elizabeth Godfrey	William Godfrey	Heather Horsman	Harley Stackhouse
Sylvia Stackhouse	Ginny Hill	Tim Hill	Rose Scott
Jim Scott	Doug Davis	Judy Davis	Dale Swansburg
Sandra Swansburg	Stephen Mitchell	Faye Mitchell	Margaret Bowness
Edith Corey	Arline Hughes	Larry Hughes	Reg Beach
Ed Harris	Ken Harper	Albert Haley	Audrey Goguen
Joyce Ramsay	Sheila Huntley	Melissa Affleck	Kim Affleck
Kaye Estabrooks	Jane Cassidy	Phyllis Chapman	Betty Reade
Doug Reade	Sheila Cameron	Evelyn Phinney	Dave Sherman
Michael Langille	Allan Groundwater	Kari Bryenton	Barbara Groundwater
Hazel Moore	Lee Purves	Brian Forbes	Carson McDavid
Shirley Adams	June Jones	Jean Branscombe	Barb McGill
Mitch McGill	Brian Lowe	Ellen Mullin	Amy Mullin
Gerry MacEachern	Audrey McKeen	Vera Sweezey	Belle Buchanan
Joyce McDavid	Sharon Stultz	Sharon Edgett	Nancy Sherman
Laura Sherman	Deborah Ellison	John Ellison	Mary Hebert
Cecil MacLellan	Alton Harris	Florence Harris	Barbara West
Nancy Morrisey	Avalon Owen	Linda Sweetland	Gwendoline MacRae
Nan Leger	Brian Affleck	Oscar Corey	Hal Mullin
Enid Langille	Donna Moore	Grant Purves	Donna Love-Melanson
Graham Bryenton	Kim Bryenton	Paul Hebert	Susan Godin
Judy Beach	John MacPherson	Monica Richard	Ardith MacPherson
Dan MacPherson	Robert Dixon	Pauline (Allen) Orr	Trudy Roth
Beth MacBeath	Ian MacBeath		

Adherents:

Dale Finnamore	Doreen Horsman	Darlene Watling	Phyllis Dunham
Florence O'Brien	Rania Kattari	Anitha Kattari	Marg Wilson
Garth Steeves	Milton Ingalls	Sandra Alward	Mark Lloyd
Janet Lloyd	Lauralyn Brenton	Gary Brenton	Elmer Scott
Gerry Melanson			

Clergy:

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Minutes of the Congregational meeting: Sunday, November 28, 2010.

A Congregational meeting was called for Sunday, November 28, 2010 following the church service at the request of the Finance Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss budget issues in preparation for the 2011 budget.

Attendance sheets were not circulated.

Rev. Mary Anningson called our attention to 2 scripture passages relating to giving: Psalm 24 verse 1 and II Corinthians 9 verse 13.

Rev. Mary then gave a presentation to the meeting:

- There are 163 envelope givers.
- On November 21, 2010 there were 71 estimate of givings cards returned, which is approximately 44%.
- Most years there are a little over 50% of cards returned.
- Estimated disbursements for 2011 total \$223,985. To meet that, each envelope giver would have to contribute \$26.43/week. If that happened then any money realized through fund raisers could go to other areas such as outreach and mission work.
- In order to complete our present requirements for building improvements and upkeep, \$25,000 is needed. Divided over 5 years with items prioritized:

2011 -- \$19,500 (9 items)

2012 -- \$1,050 (4 items)

2013 -- \$5,350 (5 items)

2014 -- \$2,500 (4 items)

2015 -- \$4,700 (3 items)

These figures are in addition to the regular Property Committee budget.

Copies of the proposed budget for 2011 were handed out.

Comments from Nan Leger (Finance Committee chair):

- The Finance Committee is looking for guidance.
- It is a struggle each year.
- Much guesswork is required since so few cards are returned.
- The stats over the past 10 years show that we have never met our envelope budget.
- The fundraisers that we hold are a big help.
- The Finance Committee tries to balance the budget for insurance and borrowing purposes.
- Nan asked for suggestions.

Suggestions received:

- We presently give 20% of envelope offering to M&S. We could reduce that to 15%. (Barb Groundwater) That would require a motion at an Annual meeting.
- We could sell shingles, Bricks were sold to build the original building. We are not forceful enough in telling of our needs. (Sheila Huntley)
- The M&S budgeted amount was only raised one year. (FredBlacklock)

- Letters come to us from the National office asking for donations to M&S. We could lower our allotment to 15% and if anyone wanted to give more they could. (Margaret Murray)
- Do we need the manse? (Nancy Sherman) It brings in rent raising more money than it costs.

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- We could try having a monthly “kitchen party” as a fundraiser. (Paul Hebert)
- The manse property could be used for rental parking through the week raising approximately \$18,000. (John Jones)
- Gerry MacEachern asked how much money was in the building fund and could it be used for the roof and other repairs? Bob Smith stated that the Trustees would have to clarify what money is designated for relocation and what is for the building fund.
- Mary Johnson – more volunteers are needed for the fundraisers.
- Rev. Mary Anningson – have we considered loans?
The window fund was paid off in about 8 years.
- Melville Johnson – could we borrow from the Trustees?
- Bob Smith – Trustees has money other than building fund/relocation.
- Barb Groundwater – more people could go on PAR, assuring that their money would always be coming in, whether or not they are at church.
- Dave Sherman – these are only suggestions. We need to be supportive of the Finance Committee and the budget they present (at the annual meeting).

Nan Leger thanked the meeting for the input.

The meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lowe,
Congregational Board secretary.

My notes.....



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